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The Agit-Prop Directorate

1. The Agit-Prop Directorate of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers (Communist) Party is headed by Nexhmije Hoxha, [redacted]. The activities of the Directorate are guided by Liri Belishova, the Politburo member responsible for Agit-Prop. The Directorate has four divisions: Press, headed by Vandush Vincani; Culture, headed by Fatmir Gjata; Propaganda, headed by Khoxhi Robo; and Marxism, headed by Sotir Manushi. (See Attachment "A") Vincani, [redacted]

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ATSH (Albanian Telegraphic Agency)

2. ATSH is the source for all official news. Diplomatic notes and government announcements are passed to ATSH for release to the other government and Party propaganda media. The agency has representatives in each Qark (region), their function is to receive and pass handouts they receive from government and Party organs to headquarters and to local propaganda media. ATSH also receives the releases of other news agencies (Western as well as satellite) and monitors foreign broadcasts. The Tirana headquarters has its own translation section for foreign news releases, broadcasts and newspapers. These translations are passed to the Foreign News Section of ATSH which edits them (to reduce volume, not to twist content) and passes them to newspapers and ministers' offices. Releases from Western news agencies are distributed daily in the "Yellow Bulletin", which is classified "State Secret"; releases from satellite news agencies are distributed daily in the "Blue Bulletin" and are unclassified.

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3. [redacted] ATSH has 30 to 40 employees in Tirana. The director of ATSH is Thanas Nano.

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Radio Tirana

4. None of the activities of Radio Tirana are particularly significant except the fact that it broadcasts the lead editorial from Zeri i Popullit (ZP) (Voice of the People) every morning.

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5. Radio Tirana has about 30 employees.

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a. Petro Kito, [redacted] Director.

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b. Alqi Kristo, [redacted] Assistant Director.

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c. Sofokli Afezolli, [redacted] head of the Cultural Section.

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d. Dhori Wini, [redacted] head of the Internal News Section.

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e. Findia Veizi, [redacted] head of the International News Section.

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f. Gjorgji Papa, [redacted] Special Correspondent.

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g. Hysen Pojani, [redacted], Special Correspondent.

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h. Vehip Demi, [redacted] head of the Regjia (Programming) Section.

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i. Abdullah Grimci, [redacted], head of the Music Section.

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j. Violeta Papuli, [redacted] a member of the staff of the Music Section.

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d. Anastas Ziko, Chief of the Cultural Section.

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e. Andrea Grashi, Chief of the "Government Life" Section.

f. Vefik Qerimi, Special Correspondent.

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g. Timoleu Mertini, Special Correspondent.

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Hosteni (Goad)

11. Hosteni is the organ of the Union of Albanian Journalists and is published twice monthly. Its circulation is 7,000 copies per issue. It is not allowed to criticize the Party, but may criticize government officials below the ranks of minister and assistant minister. Hosteni (and ZP) does not get a monthly orientation from the Agit-Prop Directorate as do other papers, but receives guidance from Vandush Vincani and selects its subjects from the problems raised by ZP and other papers. Some sort of monthly plan is submitted to the Agit-Prop Directorate for approval, but is not strictly adhered to as in ZP. Hosteni has fewer personnel than Bashkimi and they are paid less.

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12. The following persons make up the Kolegjium of Hosteni:

a. Dhimiter Tona, Chief Editor.

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b. Tonin Miloti, Secretary of the Kolegjium.

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c. Polikrom Kotini. Chief of the Economic Section.

d. Spiro Comora. Chief of the Cultural Section.

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e. Zef Bumci. Chief of the Drawing Section.

f. Nonda Bulka, advisory member of the Kolegjiun.¹

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g. Andrea Grashi, advisory member.

h. Kin Dushi, advisory member from the staff of ZP.

i. Sotir Papuli, advisory member from Bashkimi.

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j. Aleko Bimbli

13. Other section heads of Hosteni are:

a. Dhionis Bubani. 30. Chief of the Foreign News Section.

b. Dhimokrat Noti, Chief of the Section of Letters from the People and Correspondents.

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Puna (Work)

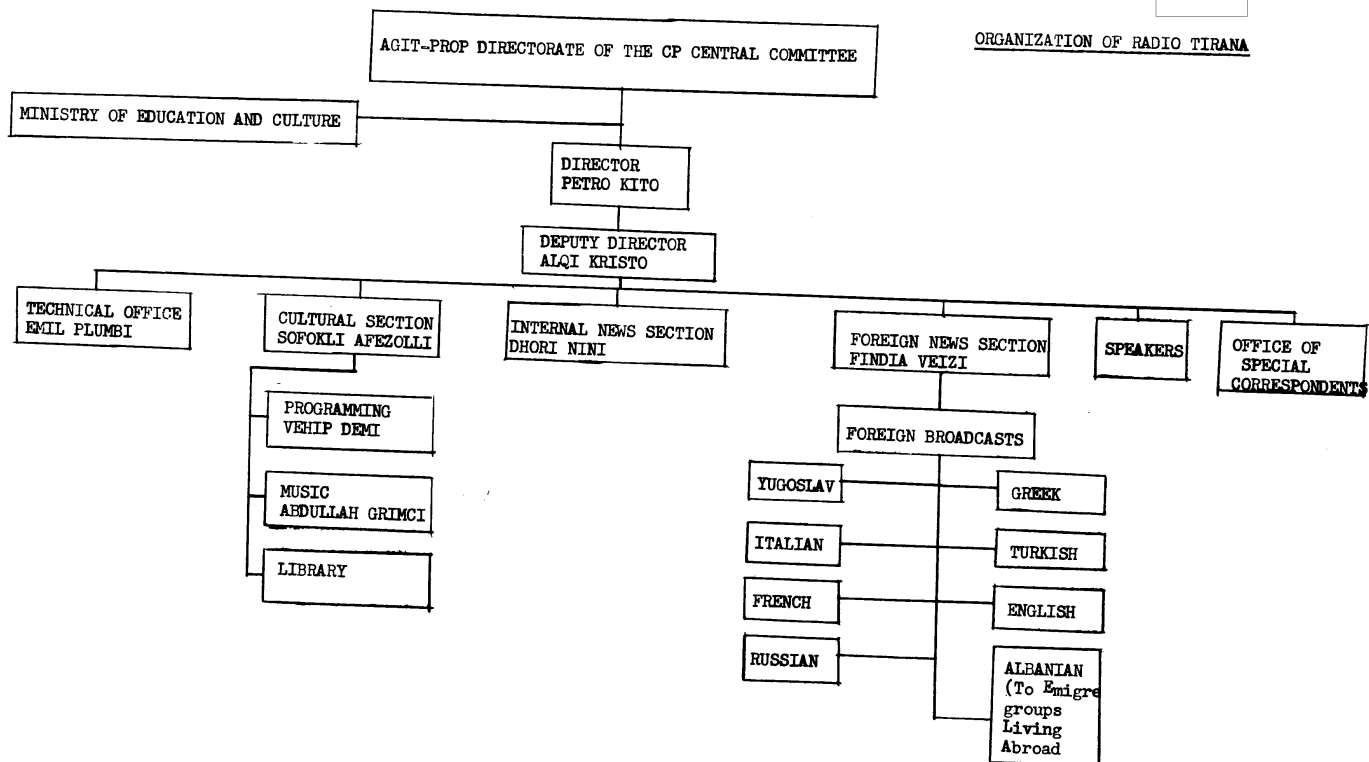
14. following members of the Puna staff:

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a. Skender Tupia, Chief Editor.

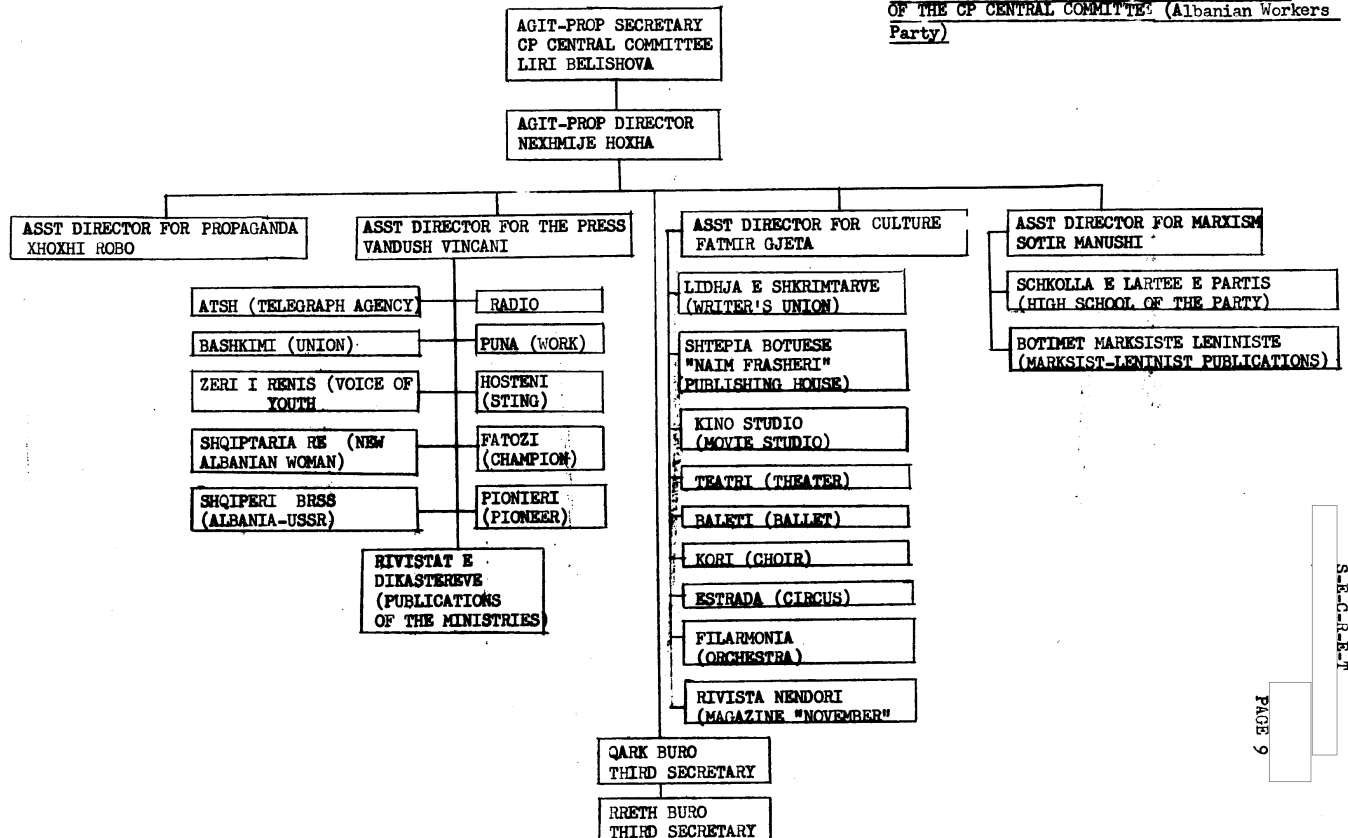
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